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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General
VIA: Chief, Policy and Coordination Staff
FROM: Theodoro G. Shackley
Acting Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT: Inspection Report of CIA's Activities
in Support of National Narcotics
Programs

The inspection report prepared by your Office on CIA's activities which support the U.S. Government's foreign narcotics control program is a comprehensive and helpful review of our Agency's anti-narcotics programs. The report contains five specific recommendations which merit our attention. Our comments on these recommendations, which have been coordinated with other Agency components, are listed below.

Recommendation 1. That the DO request the loan of a DI analyst to examine samples of the unedited product of high volume technical operations to determine if there is additional information which can be recovered from it and, if so, to advise station about techniques which can be used to accomplish this purpose.

Comment. The technical operation with the highest volume of narcotics intelligence information currently being conducted by the Agency is [redacted] To the best of our knowledge, this operation is the only technical activity where there is a significant risk of failing to recover pertinent information. Steps have been taken to cover this potential problem. In August 1977, [redacted]

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Recommendation 2. That the DDI request periodic comments on "International Narcotics Developments" from its principal customers.

Comment. This is a valid Recommendation which was already under consideration by the DI. Periodic comments on "International Narcotics Developments" publication will be useful not only to the DI but to the collectors within the DO.

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Recommendation 3. That [redacted] study the feasibility of closer liaison between DI and DEA analysts working on common problems in the foreign intelligence field.

Comment. Action has already been taken on this Recommendation and, as a result, DI and DEA analysts began to hold meetings in September 1977 to discuss the problems associated with the need to obtain a closer assessment of the illicit cocaine production and trafficking in South America. Similar common problem areas will be discussed in future meetings.

Recommendation 4. That the DDO reaffirm the importance of narcotics operations for the benefit of officers working in this field.

Comment. International narcotics control is indeed a priority objective of this Administration and your Recommendation warrants our attention. Periodic messages from the DO to the field stations and bases involved in anti-narcotic operations explaining the high level of interest and appreciation in our efforts are thought to be the best means of reaffirming our commitment. TDY visits by our officers who are involved directly with the principal consumers of our narcotics intelligence product are also useful in stressing the importance of the anti-narcotics program.

Recommendation 5. That the DDO direct the Policy Coordination Staff/Narcotics Operations, with the assistance of the Legislative Counsel, to offer to brief members of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control on major developments and to send significant intelligence studies and reports on narcotics to the Committee on a regular and timely basis.

Comment. The Narcotics Control Group has begun to meet the intent of this Recommendation. The ADDO recently briefed Chairman Wolff personally and key members of the Select Committee Staff are being given additional briefings as appropriate. Narcotics intelligence disseminations and studies are being screened on a regular basis and items of significant interest are being provided to Congressman Wolff and certain members of his Staff.

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